

WINGSPREAD

Randolph Air Force Base ♦ Texas 60th Year ♦ No. 50 ♦ December 15, 2006

CMSAF discusses priorities, future of AF

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley spoke to a packed theater audience here Dec. 7 about his vision for enlisted Airmen and the Air Force. Chief McKinley, selected to be the 15th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force in June, visited Airmen

while in Texas last week. During the enlisted call, he identified three major priorities that affect every member of the Air Force: winning the global war on terror, developing and caring for Air Force families and the recapitalization and modernization of the force. He emphasized the global nature of the war we are fighting and how the events that took place on Sept. 11

changed the world we had known up to that day. He stressed that winning the war is the first priority. He went on to speak on the importance of developing and caring for our families, and how it is a quality of life issue for everyone in the Air Force. "This means we must have a safe environment to do our jobs and develop a life style conducive to keeping Airmen fit to fight," the Chief said. "This means we maintain benefits, but perks may have to be set aside." He explained perks by way of an example. "Having the fitness center is a benefit that helps maintain our ability to fight, but having towels given to us is a perk. Randolph was spending \$80,000 a year on towels in the fitness center," he said. "It is a good example of a perk that can be given up so other missions can be done." The Chief also talked about the expanded basic training program. The program will increase basic training from six and a half weeks to eight and a half, so new Airmen will receive more of the warrior skills they need to "operate outside the wire." His final point, the need to recapitalize the force, is illustrated by current age of the aircraft fleet – an average of 25 years. "There has been an 80 percent increase in aircraft maintenance costs in the past ten years as the fleet aged," he said. "Our maintenance people have helped us to the best safety record in years, for FY 2006, but the fleet needs to be modernized." He cited the case of the F-15 which has a lifetime record of 101 kills to zero losses, but when launched against the F-22 in a test dogfight, lost each engagement. "This is where technology is taking us," he said. "Air superiority is the key to our war fighting capability. Our first priority for aircraft replacement, at this time, is a new tanker so we can maintain our air superiority." He closed his briefing by focusing on the idea that the enlisted people should be called Airmen. "They are not kids or troops, they are Airmen," he said. "They can take pride in what they are and what they do. I believe there is no better time to wear the uniform. I hope in later years every Airman can look back and proudly say, 'I gave my best'."



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley has lunch with the Randolph Honor Guard during his visit Dec. 7. (Photo by Steve White)

SF team returns safe from six-month deployment

By 2nd Lt. Naomi Evangelista
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Eighteen Airmen reunited with family and friends Dec. 10, when a team of 12th Security Forces members returned from a six-month deployment to Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism. While deployed, the group protected and secured the installation in support of the United States Military Training Mission and Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabia National Guard. The team supported flying missions and maintained security for Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force personnel there conducting training for the Saudi Government. "We made Eskan Village the hardest target in the area of responsibility," said Airman 1st Class Ron Turner, Bravo flight team member. Randolph team members, along with SF from other

bases, protected approximately 750 coalition forces and set up deployment and redeployment plans for incoming and outgoing teams, said Tech. Sgt. Stephen Sparks, non-commissioned officer in charge of SF Plans and Programs. "What we had when we got there and what they had when we left was as different as night and day," he said. Sergeant Sparks was responsible for publishing 27 SF and Air Expeditionary Group instructions and plans, including the Integrated Base Defense Plan. The group was led by Capt. Donna Porter, Bravo Flight commander, who not only led the flight but also taught security classes to female Saudi security guards at a nearby hospital. "The key thing is that everyone came back, and they came back in one piece," she said. Greeting the Airmen, upon their return, was Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander.



Staff Sgt. Michael Garrett, 12th Security Forces, greets his wife, Lauri, upon returning from his deployment Sunday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

See **SF team** on page 3



CSO graduation today

4



6

Cookies for Airmen



11

340th FTG Mission Partner feature

AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
As of Monday, 180 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Commander's Action Line Call 652-5149 or e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander



AETC commander extends holiday greetings

By Gen. William Looney III
Air Education and Training Command commander

As the holidays approach, I encourage you to enjoy everything this time of year has to offer. Traditionally, spending time with friends and loved ones are highlights of the season. As you gather to enjoy the holidays, it's important to remember each Airman in this command – every military member, Air Force civilian and contractor – are integral, vital parts of our Air Education and Training Command family.

Thanks to your diligence and outstanding efforts, AETC did not experience a single traffic fatality during the 2005 holiday season. Simply put, everyone returned safely from the holidays to face the New Year.

We need to continue that trend! Before embarking on holiday adventures, take the time to make sure there's no undue risks involved by discussing your travel plans with coworkers, supervisors and commanders.

"My wife, Marilyn, and I thank you for your continued selfless service to AETC, the Air Force, and our great Nation. We wish you health and happiness in the coming year as well as a safe and joyous holiday season."



More importantly, remember the most common cause of traffic fatalities is the mixture of alcohol and automobile operation. So, don't drink and drive and avoid unnecessary risks. Rejoice in the holiday season, but arrive safely and enjoy the fun.

My wife, Marilyn, and I thank you for your continued selfless service to AETC, the Air Force, and our great Nation. We wish you health and happiness in the coming year as well as a safe and joyous holiday season.

Don't forget where you came from

By Chief Master Sgt. William Menhart
366th Operations Support Squadron

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho (AFPN) – How many of you have heard some one say, "Don't forget where you came from?" You know this saying carries a lot of weight, especially within the military establishment.

The other evening I was looking for one of my most current enlisted performance reports and stumbled upon the first Airman performance report, or APR, I ever received.

It was for 1981 through 1983, when I was just a snot-nosed kid. I don't believe the supervisors in my rating chain at the time thought they were writing about a future chief master sergeant; they were just trying to make an air traffic controller out of me.

The older I get and longer I stay in the Air Force, the more I focus on the patience and caring attitude my early supervisors had with me. They saw potential and they worked on

developing and honing that potential into what, almost 25 years later, has turned into a fair and caring leader who can make a quick decision and balance the mission needs with those of the troops.

All too often, I see leaders give up on troops way too early. Some of them, I would say, forgot where they came from. Sometimes it's just easier to give up. With force-shaping initiatives on the table it's sometimes even more tempting to prematurely throw in the towel. With the towel, in some cases, also go some strong potential leaders because we didn't invest the time or care a little more.

There is such a thing as a natural leader, but I believe even a natural leader needs schooling and mentoring. I also believe some people are not leaders; they are followers, and they fit the role well. All leaders need good followers. Most good leaders also started out as good followers.

The military, however, needs solid leadership, and we must find and develop potential leaders as early as possible. Don't forget the late bloomers; we must watch out for them as well. We have so much to learn and so many duties to carry out that the late bloomers are sometimes overlooked. A good leader, however, needs to look for them and give them opportunities to lead and excel as well.

Few of us who are leaders became leaders overnight. It took years of practice and some

failures to develop into what we are today. We can't forget where we came from.

We can't forget the leaders and supervisors who took us under their wings and took the time to care. They didn't always use the biggest hammer on us right off the bat. They took the time to explain, care and shape us into the leaders of the future. We must do the same.

Sometimes it took the "hammer" to get our attention, but a good leader shouldn't enjoy using the hammer. It shouldn't be the tool of first choice. Administering discipline is one of my most difficult tasks. I want Airmen to succeed and not self-destruct. Many of them won't go down the wrong street if they know you care. Make sure they know you care.

As a leader, you have two types of authority, legal and earned. Legal is given to you by the Uniform Code of Military Justice and various other publications and Air Force instructions. Earned authority comes from your troops respecting and following you because they know you care about them and their concerns as well as mission accomplishment.

Earned authority is the preferred type. Once you have reached this level with your troops they will follow you virtually anywhere. The Air Force always had leaders who had balance between earned and legal authority. They are the leaders who are fair, care about their people, know their people and still excel at mission accomplishment. I'm sure most of us have had a leader with this balance. Don't forget where you came from.

If there is one piece of advice I can give you as current or future leaders, it would be this: Take the time to care about your Airmen. It pays huge dividends by fostering teamwork to get this nation's mission accomplished. If you are up to the challenge, it will

"Take the time to care about your Airmen. It pays huge dividends by fostering teamwork to get this nation's mission accomplished. If you are up to the challenge, it will mean some long days because the day isn't over until your Airmen's needs are met. It means investing the time many have already invested in us. Don't forget where you came from."

WINGSPREAD

12th Flying Training Wing
Editorial Staff
Col. Richard Clark
Commander
Capt. Heather Kekic
Chief of Public Affairs
Gabe Myers
Chief of News and Information
Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Editor
Prime Time Military Newspaper
Contract Staff
Bob Hieronymus
Staff Writer
Maggie Armstrong
Graphic Designer

Wingspread office:
1 Washington Circle, Suite 4
Randolph AFB, Texas 78150
Phone: (210) 652-5760
Fax: (210) 652-5412

Wingspread Advertisements:
Prime Time Military Newspapers
7137 Military Drive West
San Antonio, Texas 78227
Phone: (210) 675-4500
Fax: (210) 675-4577

Wingspread online:
www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm

This paper is published by Prime Time Military Newspapers, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with Randolph AFB, Texas. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Wingspread are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, or Prime Time Military Newspapers of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Division of the 12th Flying Training Wing in accordance with local policy and style guidance. All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are U.S. Air Force photos.

Articles for the newspaper should be submitted by noon Thursday the week prior to the desired publication date. Items can be dropped off on a PC- or Macintosh-formatted disk at the Wingspread office in room 110 of Building 100.

Articles may also be sent by e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil or by fax at 652-5412.

For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.

mean some long days because the day isn't over until your Airmen's needs are met. It means investing the time many have already invested in us. Don't forget where you came from.

Don't take the easy way out. If you do you may be doing the Air Force an injustice by overlooking some strong future leaders.

Our job as leaders — developing leaders as well as followers — is to leave our Air Force better than it was when we joined. We must look at our past to get to our future. Don't forget the strong leaders you have had in the past. Let's do all we can to develop even stronger leaders for the future.

We can never forget where we have come from as an Air Force or as individuals making up the strongest and most lethal military force this world has ever seen.

Don't forget where you came from.

SF team

Continued from Page 1

"I am extremely proud and grateful to you and your families for the sacrifices you all have made," Colonel Clark said.

Also greeting the Airmen were Maj. Christopher Bromen, 12th FTW SF commander, Col. James Sohan, Mission Support Group commander, Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th FTW command chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Bilicki, SF manager.

Since the team has returned, the Airman and Family Readiness flight has been helping them readjust to their normal lives.

"Reintegration is a process. Things have changed - there are changes within themselves, within their families, and within their work environments. It's a lot of readjustment," said Master Sgt. Todd Remington, Installation Personnel and Family Readiness manager. "What we do here is make sure they return in a healthy manner, as opposed to being destructive to themselves and to others," said Remington.

"The community supported us tremendously by sending us letters," said Staff Sgt. Manuel A. Cervantez Jr., a team member. "It was a great deployment, but it sure is great to be home!"

For photos of the
SF Bravo Flight,
see page 18.

Flu shot mandatory for members

By 2nd Lt. Naomi Evangelista
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the single best way to prevent the flu is to get the flu vaccine each year.

The vaccine is available to all Team Randolph members at the Randolph Clinic Pharmacy refill waiting area, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Thursdays starting at 8 a.m.

"Active duty servicemembers are required to be immunized against the flu each year," said Staff Sgt. Kristin Garcia, allergy and immunization technician. "So far, 75 percent of Randolph's active-duty members have been immunized."

The vaccine became available to all personnel with a valid military ID card, including retirees, veterans, dependants, and civilians, Dec. 4. It will be available until June 30, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tables have been set up in the pharmacy waiting area for patients to be immunized. Because the vaccination will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, patients should prepare for a 15-20 minute wait time.

As an alternative to the shot, the nasal-spray flu vaccine, FluMist, is available. The FluMist is recommended only for healthy people that are not pregnant between the ages of five and 49.

A common misconception is that the flu vaccine works by infecting the individual receiving the shot with the flu virus. However,

according to the CDC, the viruses in the flu shot are inactivated so one cannot contract the virus from the shot.

Receiving the shot does not guarantee a person will not get the flu. The ability of the flu vaccine to protect against the virus depends on the age and health status of the person getting the vaccine.

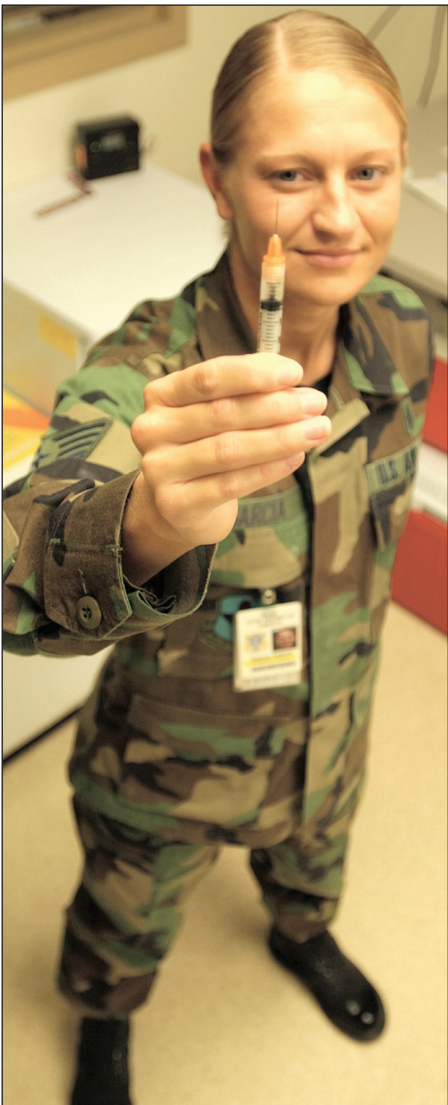
Individuals can also lower the risk of contracting the virus by practicing good health habits such as avoiding close contact with sick people, covering their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, washing their hands often and avoiding touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, said Sergeant Garcia.

Other ways to keep healthy during flu season are getting plenty of sleep, being physically active, eating nutritious foods and drinking plenty of fluids.

Although the best time to get vaccinated is during the months of October and November to ensure the body can build up the antibodies in enough time for flu season, vaccinations are available until the end of June, when the vaccine expires, Sergeant Garcia said.

People who have had a reaction to a flu vaccination in the past should consult a physician before receiving the vaccine. Anyone with a severe allergy to chicken eggs, children less than six years old and people who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should not receive the vaccination without a consultation.

Sergeant Garcia said most people who receive the vaccine have no



Staff Sgt. Kristin Garcia

serious problems, but side effects may include soreness, fever, and aches, and may last one to two days.

For more information about the flu vaccine, call immunizations at 652-3279.

12 MDG, HAWC, Fitness Center become tobacco-free

By Gabriel Myers
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A healthy lifestyle is something the Air Force considers vital to accomplishing the mission. Here at Randolph, the 12th Medical Group is doing their part by taking the lead in promoting healthy living.

On Dec. 22 all campuses owned by the 12th MDG, to include the clinic, the health and wellness center and the fitness center, will become tobacco-free zones.

"We're very excited about this initiative," Suzy Harrington, HAWC Health Education Program Manager, said. "People in healthcare professions should be leading the way to promote a healthy lifestyle."

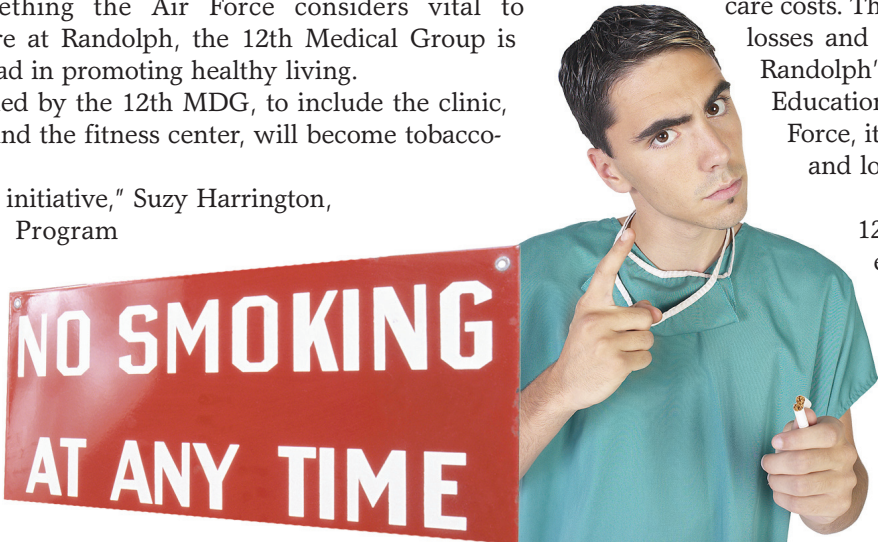
Signs marking the tobacco-free zones will be placed in the designated areas once the

initiative starts. Patrons of the clinic, HAWC and fitness center are asked not to use tobacco products anywhere in these areas, including in their cars.

Tobacco use costs the United States over \$167 billion each year in health-care costs. That figure includes \$92 billion in mortality-related productivity losses and \$75 billion in excess medical expenditures. Although Team Randolph's active-duty force has the lowest tobacco rate in the Air Education and Training Command, and is the 8th lowest in the Air Force, it continues to cost Team Randolph \$845,306 in direct medical and lost productivity costs, said Ms. Harrington.

The fresh air, tobacco-free policy is consistent with the 12th MDG's mission: Optimize the health of our warfighters; ensure a ready medical force while delivering quality peacetime care, Col. Paul Bennett, 12th MDG commander said.

"The new HAWC, part of the 12th MDG, will be collocated with the new Rambler Fitness Center as part of this initiative," the colonel said. "Healthy bodies are what we promote and the 12th MDG will set the precedence."



A yellow biplane with blue and red markings is flying towards the right. It has a propeller and two sets of wings.

HISTORY QUIZ
QUESTION

One of our most effective weapons against the Taliban was the BLU-82B. Popularly known as the Daisy Cutter, this bomb originated during the Vietnam War, but was not called a Daisy Cutter. What was it called?

A. Commando Vault
B. Pandora's Box
C. Buzz Saw

(see page 5 for the answer)

"RESCUE" IS A MATTER
OF PERSPECTIVE...

If life has you thinking there's
no way out, it's time to call
in the professionals.

Your base chaplain, the Life Skills
counselors and the people at
1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)
are ready to help.

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY





2nd Lt. Rebecca Byers
C-130
Alaska ANG



1st Lt. Felix Cole
AC-130
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Cook
E-3
Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Matthew Gauld
EC-130 (EWO)
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Dominic Hanson
MC-130H (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Marvin Haughton III
C-130
Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. David Hein
HC-130
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Clayburn Holland
RC-135
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. David Jackson
RC-135
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Willard Kirste III
KC-135
McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Christopher Lamkey
RC-135 (EWO)
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Anthony Lim
EC-130H
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Joshua Linden
C-130
Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Christopher Lotto
EC-130 (EWO)
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Sean McKee
C-130
Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Anthony Purdy
RC-135 (EWO)
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Matthew Redaja
AC-130U (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Matthieu Riggollet
C-130
Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Michael Rodning
C-130
Yokota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Michael Roy
MC-130P
Eglin AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Schadwinkel
B-52
Barksdale AFB, LA.



2nd Lt. Andrew Smith
C-130
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Dennis Tresca
RC-135 (EWO)
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Jonathan Wilson
E-8
Robins AFB, Ga.

Training the world's
finest Airmen for
tomorrow...
Deploying combat-
ready warriors today.

12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

NEWS BRIEFS

Randolph retirees
Congratulations to the following retirees: Col. Alvina Mitchell, Col. Kelley Crooks, Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hepner and Connie Wells, all of the Air Education and Training Command, and Senior Master Sgt. Davis Pressley, of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Office closures
The base housing office is closed today for an official function from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. It opens again for normal business hours on Monday.
The Airman and Family Readiness Flight will close today from noon to 4:30 p.m. for an official function and reopen during normal hours on Monday.

Thrift Shop closure
The base Thrift Shop will close Monday for the holidays and reopens Jan 5.

Tax season
The 12th Comptroller Squadron finance office urges customers to submit all tax-affecting documents to Finance Customer Service no later than Wednesday to ensure they are processed in time.
Members recently returning from a deployment must turn in travel vouchers to ensure the "Combat Zone Tax Exclusion" status is correctly identified.

AFGE meeting
The American Federation of Government Employees Chapter 1840 holds its monthly meeting Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Building 201.

SA-CAMO closure
The San Antonio Consult and Appointment Management Office is closed from 10 -12 a.m. Thursday for an administrative function. Routine and Emergency services will be available during that time and all appointment lines will reopen at noon for routine business.

Award submissions due
The Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting nominations for the 2006 annual awards. Deadline for submission is Jan. 10, 2007. The awards for individual and team accomplishments will be presented Feb. 13.

MLK breakfast
The annual breakfast honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., is held at the Enlisted Club 7:15 a.m., Jan. 12.

CSO graduation today

Twenty four Air Force aviators receive their navigator flight officer wings during a combat systems officer graduation ceremony here today.
The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph's Officers' Club.
During the CSO course, which starts at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, students learn fundamental, system and intermediate navigation.



Navy and Air Force students spend about 91 days in the fundamentals portion, learning basic navigation principles, tools and equipment. Some of the lessons covered include how to construct charts, navigate using basic instruments, radio navigation aids and dead reckoning. As they progress, students move on to system navigation where they are taught how to operate advanced navigation equipment such as radar and inertial navigation systems.
During the intermediate portion, students learn how to integrate all the systems in a high-level environment. Students are required to use all the skills they have

acquired up to that point and perform a global mission that includes timing problems, air refueling, communicating with other resources and replanning procedures.
Those students, who go on to accomplish advanced navigation training at the 562nd FTS, learn how to apply what they've been taught in low-level navigation, advanced timing, target drops, threat reaction and airborne radar approaches. Other students advance to Electronic Warfare Officer Training at the 563rd FTS, where they learn advanced employment and planning of electronic warfare and weapons in a state of the art simulator which emulates real-world tactic environments for reconnaissance, bomber and fighter training missions.
Overall, Air Force students spend about ten months in training, while Navy students spend about 12 months, including their training in Pensacola, Fla.
The graduation guest speaker is Rear Admiral Donald P. Quinn, Chief of Naval Air Training Commander, Navy Region South.



Anthony Ervin

Unit: 12th Communications Squadron
Duty Title: Graphics Illustrator
Hometown: Savannah, Ga.
Hobbies: Reading to my little ones, mastering computers, collecting DVDs, sports spectator, learning my children's hobbies
Goals: To raise my children to challenge their own potential and to become an independent business owner
Greatest Accomplishment: A strong family bond after 20 years of marriage and retiring from the greatest Air Force in the world after 20 years of service
Personal Inspiration: My family and closest friends; they all have wonderful characteristics to emulate and all expect great things of me
Personal Motto: "My job as a man is not complete until my grandchildren have been raised successfully."
Pet Peeve: People who enjoy spreading negativity, especially destructive gossip
Supervisor's Comments: "Mr. Ervin is a dedicated, hardworking multimedia professional and stands head and shoulders above his peers. He is a valued member of an all-star graphic team that leads the way in state-of-the-art layout design for Team Randolph."

Bud McAuliffe
12th Communications Squadron
deputy base communications officer



Anthony Ervin, 12th Communications Squadron graphics illustrator, creates images in his studio on base. (Photo by Steve White)

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil.

2007 Thrift Savings Plan contribution limits set

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board has announced a \$500 increase in regular Thrift Savings Plan contributions to \$15,500 for 2007 elective deferral maximum contributions.

Contributions for the catch-up plan will remain at the same \$5,000 limit set in 2006.

Catch-up contributions are additional tax-deferred contributions, separate from regular TSP contributions. For those who are eligible, catch-up contributions provide a way to secure their retirement.

Specifics of TSP program for civilian contributors:

- Civilians may contribute any whole percentage of their basic pay or a whole dollar amount each pay period to a regular TSP account, subject to the \$15,500 annual maximum for 2007. If a whole dollar amount is designated and the amount exceeds remaining salary after mandatory and other voluntary deductions that occur ahead of TSP contributions, no TSP contributions will be made. In addition, if covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System, no agency matching contributions will be received. Should this happen, an employee will need to make a new election and

elect either a lower dollar amount or a percentage. No TSP contributions will be withheld from pay until the new election is effective.

- Air Force-serviced civilians may submit regular TSP enrollment elections or changes at any time. Contributions will automatically continue into 2007 for those already in TSP; so, it is not necessary to submit an election unless you wish to change the amount of your bi-weekly contributions. The contribution on pay date Jan. 12, 2007 will apply towards the 2007 annual maximum.
- Regular TSP enrollments or changes, or catch-up contribution enrollments submitted by Dec. 23 will be effective Dec. 24 and reflect on pay date Jan. 12, 2007; elections submitted between Dec. 24 and Jan. 6 will be effective Jan. 7 and reflect on the Jan. 26 pay date.
- When submitting a catch-up contribution election, employees need to designate a whole-dollar amount to contribute each payday rather than the annual maximum of \$5,000. Do not designate an amount that exceeds net pay or payroll will not withhold any TSP contributions. To spread catch-up

contributions evenly over the year, divide the total contribution (up to \$5,000) by the number of pay dates remaining in the year. There are 26 pay dates in 2007 for employees who submit their catch-up contribution election by Dec. 23.

- Air Force-serviced civilians will enroll or submit regular TSP contribution elections, as well as catch-up contribution elections if eligible, via the Employee Benefits Information System Web application or the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team phone system. EBIS is available on the AFPC Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp> or through the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil.
- Employees may reach the BEST phone system by dialing toll-free (800) 616-3775. Overseas employees need to dial a toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are in, then (800) 616-3775 and follow the prompts. AT&T direct access numbers can be found at www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp.
- For more information about TSP, visit www.tsp.gov or the BEST homepage at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best>



A. Commando Vault

The original purpose of the 15,000 pound bomb was to create an instant landing zone for helicopters in the dense jungle of Vietnam. It has been used in Afghanistan as an anti-personnel weapon and as an intimidation weapon because of its very large lethal radius combined with an explosion seen and heard at long distances. It is the largest conventional bomb in existence but is less than one thousandth the power of the Hiroshima nuclear bomb.



"RESCUE" IS A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE...

If life has you thinking there's no way out, it's time to call in the professionals.

Your base chaplain, the Life Skills counselors and the people at 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) are ready to help.

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY



Holiday surprise

Wing spouses head cookie drive for dorm Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing Spouses, along with the help of the Airman and Family Readiness Flight and other Team Randolph members, baked and delivered more than 180 dozen cookies to the 90 Airmen living in the base dorms Monday.

With the goal of delivering two dozen cookies to each Airman, the spouses enlisted the help of all of Team Randolph to bake and drop off homemade cookies to the A&FRF Monday morning, where the spouses then divided the baked goods into

Christmas containers. "We just wanted to give the Airmen in the dorms a delicious dose of holiday cheer this December," said Amy Clark, wife of Col. Richard Clark, 12th FTW commander. "It was so nice to see Team Randolph pull together for a great cause. We had spouses, active duty members and civilians donate cookies this year. There were even a few base organizations that got together over the weekend to bake cookies for the drive. Ladies from Trinity University's Alpha Chi Lamda sorority also came and pitched in to fill tins."

Once the women finished collecting and packaging the cookies, they delivered the cookies to the dorms. The Airmen were surprised with the holiday treats at the dorm council meeting that afternoon.

"Everyone donated so generously that we were also able to deliver cookies to the base fire department, command post and troops at the main gate," said Ms. Clark.

Trays of homemade cookies were also put together for the A&FRF Waiting Families meeting held Monday night.

"It meant a lot that the base came together to bring us some holiday cheer," said Airman 1st Class Teresa Creager, Randolph Enlisted Dorm Council president. "We know Christmas can be an extremely busy



Melissa Slagle (left) and Amy Clark (center), 12th Flying Training Wing Spouses Group, along with a member of Trinity University's Alpha Chi Lamda sorority, prepare cookies for delivery to Randolph Airmen Monday. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

time of year for families. The fact that they took time to bake homemade cookies for us, gave everyone a strong sense of home and family.

"On behalf of the Airmen, I want to thank the 12th FTW spouses and everyone else who helped with the cookie drive for the time and generosity that was put into each cookie," she said. "We hope you have a peaceful and spirited holiday."

Ms. Clark echoed Airman Creager's words of thanks to all those involved.

"We appreciate everyone's support of the cookie drive," said Ms. Clark. "It would not have been possible without everyone working together as a team. Also, many thanks to the Friends of the A&FRF who donated the great cookie buckets for the event. Everyone's effort was amazing and is truly appreciated."



MTA needs motivated NCOs for new year

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread editor

With the help of some motivated staff and technical sergeants, the Randolph Middle Tier Association made its comeback in 2005 and plans to expand its membership in the coming year.

The purpose of the group, a non-privatized base organization for junior NCOs, is to promote professional development and esprit de corps while also supporting programs aimed to improve quality of life for junior enlisted members and the community.

"It was a slow start getting the word out about the organization," said Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice, Randolph MTA president. "To this day some NCOs still don't know about us. But we're making headway. As we get involved in the community more and more, people are seeing what we're all about and jumping on board."

Getting the organization started after being dormant for a few years didn't come easy for the group of NCOs, but in the progress of a year it managed to produce the first-ever base-wide Team Randolph NCO Induction as well as participate in a variety of base events and fundraisers.

"I'm still in awe at how great the NCO Induction turned out," said Master Sgt. James Calhoun, who mentored the committee which also included Air Force Personnel Center Junior Enlisted Council members. "It was the nicest NCO Induction ceremony I've ever seen. The work they put into it was remarkable and it showed. It was amazing to see the teamwork and camaraderie among junior NCOs from all Team Randolph mission partners. It was truly a team effort and that's why the evening was such a huge success."

The event, which included a medallion

ceremony, banquet, candle lighting ceremony and induction, was modeled exactly like the Team Randolph Senior NCO Induction.

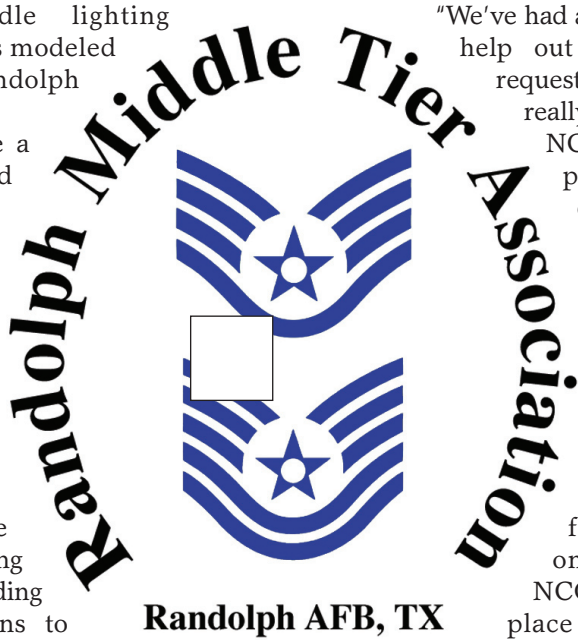
"It was an honor just to be a part of something that could leave such a positive and lasting impression on our new staff sergeants," said Staff Sgt. Neeley Yarborough, NCO induction committee chairman and Randolph MTA treasurer.

Members of the MTA also assisted the Air Force Sergeants Association with its Retama Park food booth to raise money for the ceremony, earning enough between it and funding from other base organizations to fund both the 2005 and 2006 ceremonies, said Sergeant Yarborough.

The MTA held several other fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the induction and other events including a doughnut sale, Fourth of July food booth and gift wrapping at the base exchange.

Through community involvement, the group also participated in several base events including the Fam-a-Ganza celebration, where they held a coloring booth for children and sent the pictures to military members overseas; Operation FLAGS, where they helped teach military families about deployments; and the Team Randolph Enlisted Fest, where they volunteered as designated drivers.

The group also ventured off base to help with events in the local community both at Canyon Lake and Cibolo.



"We've had a lot of great NCOs step up and help out whenever we've sent out requests," said Sergeant Maurice. "It really says a lot about our junior NCOs as I've heard nothing but positive remarks from base and community leaders."

The sergeant added that the group has also tried to widen its focus on professional development starting with two bullet writing classes this year.

"The bullet writing classes have gone well, but we really want to expand our focus beyond that - touching on other important topics NCOs may face in the work place and as supervisors," said Sergeant Maurice. "We've also had

some really great senior NCOs come to some of our meetings and share their experiences and advice with the group."

Sergeant Maurice said there are no membership fees involved with the MTA and it is open to all staff sergeant selects, staff sergeants and technical sergeants. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the enlisted club. The next meeting is Jan. 18.

"We've had some really dedicated NCOs form an attachment to the group, which I would love to see more of," said Sergeant Maurice. "I just ask that anyone eligible to attend come to a meeting and an event and give it a chance. You can't go wrong."

For more information about the MTA, call Sergeant Maurice at 652-5760.

RISD superintendent submits resignation

By Jeff Duffield
Randolph Field ISD Public Affairs

Dr. Barbara Maddox, superintendent of the Randolph Field Independent School District, submitted her resignation Dec. 7 after serving in the post for 15 years, the second longest tenure of any superintendent in Bexar County.

Dr. Maddox said it was "with mixed feelings" that she was tendering her resignation effective July, 2007 but added, "I am looking forward in the next years to spending a great deal of time with my wonderful husband, my kids, and my three very special grandchildren."

The district's Board of Trustees voted to grant her the retirement effective next summer. No plans have been made as to when to begin a search for her successor.

Dr. Maddox has been with Randolph Field ISD for 23 years, the last 15 as superintendent. She had previously served three years as assistant superintendent and five as curriculum director.

She has spent a total of 41 years as a professional educator, serving in the North East ISD and Schertz-Cibolo-

Universal City ISD in addition to one year as an assistant instructor at San Antonio College.

Under her leadership, Randolph schools have been consistent leaders in student test scores, both on the state and national levels. Also, both Randolph Elementary School and Randolph Middle School were recipients of the U.S. Dept. of Education's "National Blue Ribbon Schools" award.

In addition, other honors included the district being named as one of the "100 Best School Districts in the Nation" by "Offspring," a magazine for smart parenting.

Two years ago, Dr. Maddox was named the Superintendent of the Year for the 14-county Region 20 Education Service Center area.

She and North East ISD's Superintendent, Dr. Richard Middleton, were named superintendents of their respective districts in the same year, however, Middleton assumed his post several months earlier.

When Dr. Maddox began her superintendency, the district was facing difficulties in federal funding. Maddox initiated a style of collaborative management which included creating a

district-wide emphasis on teamwork and support to achieve the highest standards possible.

Decisions were made based on informed recommendations of those who were to be affected by the actions. Community involvement through school-based decision-making teams was put into place and a Strategic Planning Committee comprised of administrative and teaching staff parents and community members helped develop an evolving curriculum plan.

The overall affect of the plan can be seen in the improvement of instruction and student achievement. The RFISD under her guidance has been consistently among the top districts in Bexar County and the state, on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, and its' Senior Classes each year have received in excess of \$1.5 million in academic scholarships to colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Under Maddox's leadership the district has constructed a new middle school instructional facility, an Early Childhood Center at the elementary school, and a new Fine Arts Center at the secondary campus. In addition,



Dr. Barbara Maddox

there have been major renovation projects on all campuses including an expansion and remodeling of the secondary school gymnasium.

Dr. Maddox is married to William C. Maddox, a Certified Public Accountant, and has two daughters, Paula Maddox-Roalson, an attorney, and Lori Maddox-Gallegos, a principal in the Northside ISD.

Friendly shake



Former President of the United States George H.W. Bush shakes hands with Tech. Sgt. Virgil Thompson during a visit recently to Southwest Asia. President Bush stopped by the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing to listen to a mission briefing. Sergeant Thompson, deployed from the Air Education and Training Command Judge Advocate here, is a paralegal assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Scott Seyer)

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

By James Smith
Randolph Fire and Emergency Services Flight

To keep the holiday season joyful and safe, Randolph Fire and Emergency Services would like to provide a few important fire safety tips.

Holiday Decorations

- Be extra careful with matches and candles. Candles should be made of flame retardant materials – look for a label stating such.
- Avoid loose, flammable clothing. Clothing often catches on fire around candles, matches, fireplaces and both electric and gas stoves.
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat such as open flames, electric heaters and exposed electric bulbs.

Holiday Trees

- Keep your holiday tree in a sturdy base filled with water and check the water level daily.
- Make a fresh cut on the trunk of your tree and place in a sturdy holder away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heaters. Do not use candles on or near the tree.

- Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry, however never burn tree or tree parts in your fireplace.

Holiday Lights

- Purchase only Underwriters Laboratory approved lights.
- Inspect all indoor and outdoor lights for frayed cords – if in doubt, throw them out.
- Never use lights that have an empty socket.
- Lights should not touch combustible materials.
- Use only outdoor lights for "outdoors". Mini lights are safest because they produce less heat.
- Turn off all decorative lights, prior to leaving the home or going to bed.
- Avoid using extension cords, but if used, follow instructions carefully. Do not overload electrical circuits, such as wall outlets and extension cords, use a circuit strip.
- Check your home's smoke detector to ensure it works properly.

For more information about holiday fire safety or any other fire safety matters contact the Randolph Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention Section at 652-6915.



Adam Gonzalez and wife, Maria

Randolph retiree wins Football Frenzy

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

What started out as a typical Sunday of watching football at the enlisted club turned into a day one local retiree will never forget.

Through the Football Frenzy program, Retired Master Sgt. Adam Gonzalez Jr. was one of four people Air Force-wide to win a Super Bowl XLI package complete with round-trip air fare, hotel accommodations, local transportation and tickets to the game in February.

"I was very nervous and excited when they told me," said Mr. Gonzalez. "I

didn't expect it at all. It was a great surprise."

The Corpus Christi, Texas, native said he and his wife Maria, who he is taking with him on the trip, are big Dallas Cowboys fans.

"We try to go to the club and watch the games every Sunday," he said.

Since the college and NFL football seasons began in September, about 135 Randolph customers have participated in the Football Frenzy program each week, watching games and entering prize drawings. Mr. Gonzalez and his wife made sure to enter the drawing each week with the other participants,

which led to his big win.

"We're all really excited for Mr. Gonzalez," said Marilyn Gove, Randolph Enlisted Club manager. "We've had a lot of great supporters of the Football Frenzy program, like the Gonzalez's. I think what makes Randolph so special is that employees and club members buy into and support the program, especially after witnessing someone from Randolph winning every year for the last eight years."

The program runs Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights through February and is sponsored by the Air Force Services Agency.

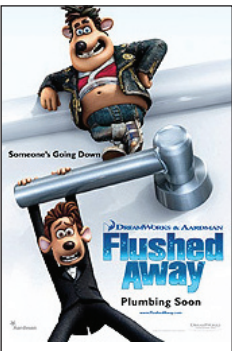


Randolph Movie Theater - 652-3278 - Adults - \$3.50, Children (11 years and under) \$1.75

“Flushed Away”

Saturday and Sunday – Noon
Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis
Rated PG, 88 min.

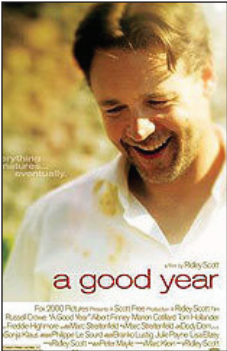
The story of an uptown rat that gets flushed down the toilet from his penthouse apartment, ending in the sewers of London, where he has to learn a whole new and different way of life.



“A Good Year”

Saturday – 3 p.m.
Russell Crowe, Albert Finney
Rated PG13, 118 min.

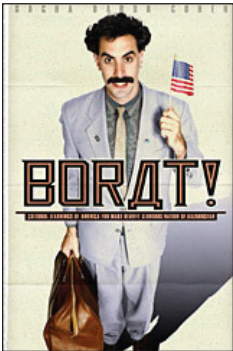
Investment expert Max Skinner travels to Provence to tend a small vineyard he inherited from his late uncle. A young California girl arrives claiming to be the rightful owner of the vineyard.



“Borat”

Sunday – 3 p.m.
Sacha Baron Cohen
Rated R, 84 min.

Kazakhstani television personality Borat is dispatched to the United States to report on the greatest country in the world. With a documentary crew in tow, Borat becomes more interested in locating and marrying Pamela Anderson.



SERVICES

LODGING
652-1844

Lodging available

Customers can reserve rooms at Randolph Lodging for families and friends visiting over the holiday.
For availability and rates, call 652-1844.

ARTS and CRAFTS CENTER
652-2788

Instructors needed

The arts and crafts center is in need of instructors to teach classes such as floral arranging, painting and sewing.
Those interested in teaching a craft they specialize in should call 652-2788.

Holiday gifts

The arts and crafts center has a variety of Christmas items for sale including personalized ornaments and angels.
Customers can also work on handmade holiday gifts.
For details, call 652-2788.

BOWLING CENTER
652-6271

Holiday bowling

The bowling center opens Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 from noon to midnight.
Customers can participate in open bowling from noon to 7 p.m. Thunder Alley bowling with music and a light show will last until midnight.
Thunder Alley bowling costs \$2 per person, per game and \$1 for shoe rental.

Family Day

The bowling center hosts a Family Day Dec. 26 from 1-8 p.m. The cost is \$30 for a family of four and includes two games per person, a large soda each, free shoe rental, and a large pizza. Other family sizes will have the cost prorated.

Pro shop discount

Selected bowling balls, bags and shoes will be discounted 10-25 percent Dec. 20-22.

CANYON LAKE
1-800-280-3466

Boater safety

The Texas Parks and Wildlife sanctioned Boater’s Course is offered daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Canyon

Santa’s little helper



Antonio Alfaro paints a Christmas tree during a Santa’s Workshop at the Randolph Arts and Crafts Center Saturday. The center offers a variety of classes each month for children and adults. For more information, call 652-2788. (Photo by Steve White)

Lake and the first and third Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. on base at Building 1139.

December rental special

Customers can rent a shelter for half price through December.
The shelter is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, full size bed, bunk beds, air conditioning, heating, and a bathroom with a shower.

ENLISTED CLUB
652-3056

Member appreciation

The enlisted club hosts a Membership Appreciation Christmas Party Dec. 21 from 4-7 p.m.
The event includes food, discounted beverages and music performed by Nitelife. Members may bring guests for \$10 each. No children are allowed.

Bingo extravaganza

Monday is the biggest bingo session of the year at the enlisted club, with jackpots totaling \$20,000.
There will be a complimentary buffet at 4:30 p.m. and early bird bingo at 6 p.m.

Children’s Christmas party

The enlisted club, in conjunction with the Air Force Sergeants Association, hosts a holiday get together for the children of club members Sunday from 3-5 p.m. in the

Nite Club.

Kids up to 12 years old are eligible for cash prizes donated by AFSA and complimentary snacks. All others may order from the Gil’s Pub menu.

Randolph Karaoke Idol

Randolph Karaoke Star of the Year takes place Wednesday at 6 p.m. The winner receives 10 hours of recording time at a studio, a \$250 value. The contest is open to all DoD ID cardholders.

YOUTH CENTER
652-2088

December Holiday Camp

Holiday camp starts Monday and ends Dec. 29. A deposit of \$30 is required for each child for each week that they are to attend camp.

INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL 652-5640

Santa suit rentals

Customers can rent Santa Claus suits for \$25 a day. Reservations must be made in person.

“Chicago” tickets

Tickets are available for the musical “Chicago” to be performed Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Majestic. Prices range from \$50 to \$61.75

Condominium rental

Armed Forces Vacation Club offers space available condominium rentals with accommodations around the world for \$299 for a seven-night stay.
For more information, visit www.afvclub.com or call 1-800-724-9988. The Randolph code is #181.

Kinder gambling trip

Customers can sign up for a trip to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, La., Jan. 23-24. The cost is \$49 for double occupancy or \$98 for single occupancy and includes round trip transportation, hotel accommodations and guided tour.

Local attractions

Customers can purchase tickets to the IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Park, and Malibu Grand Prix.

Entertainment Books

Customers can purchase a 2007 San Antonio Entertainment Book for \$20.
The book includes hundreds of coupons for local restaurants, hotels, attractions and other services.

OFFICERS’ CLUB
652-4864

Holiday closure

The officers’ club will be closed Dec. 25-30.

Santa visit

Santa is visiting the officers’ club during Sunday Brunch, Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for pictures with Santa.
The cost is \$14.95 for members and \$17.95 for nonmembers.

Birthday buffet

The officers’ club hosts its monthly Birthday Buffet Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The buffet is free for the birthday member and spouse with club card and ID.

DINING FACILITY
652-5533

Christmas meal

The Rendezvous Dining Facility serves a light breakfast Dec. 25 from 7-8 a.m. and a Christmas meal from noon to 5 p.m.
The meals are open to all active duty members and their dependents, and retirees and their immediate family members with valid DoD ID cards.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas event

The Wing Staff Agency will host a Christmas table competition today from 1-3 p.m. at the Taj. Mahal. All Team Randolph members are invited to attend and vote on the best table. Refreshments will be available.

EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

Scholarship fund

Applications are now available for the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship Fund. The scholarship supports college-bound seniors or full-time college students in the San Antonio military, civilian, or dependent community and will range from \$500-\$1,000.

Applicants must write a 600-800 word essay on how Hip Hop culture impacts African American youth. Applications and essays must be submitted by Jan. 31.

For more details call Lt. Shannon Harper at 536-4740.

ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring One Term in-residence classes start Jan. 8, 2007. Students can register at the Randolph office by appointment from Dec. 18-21, or on a first come, first serve basis

from Jan. 2-5.

Embry-Riddle's Randolph office is closed during the holiday break, Dec. 25 through Jan. 1, and reopens Jan. 2. For more information, call 659-0801.

St. Phillip's College

On-line registration for St. Philip's College Spring classes continues through Wednesday and resumes Jan. 2-9. On-campus registration runs Jan. 10-13.

For more information, call 659-1096.

Montgomery GI Bill enrollment

People needing copies of their DD Form 2366, Montgomery GI Bill Basic Enrollment, or DD Form 2366-1, MGIB Increased Benefit Contribution Program, can obtain them by faxing a signed request to AFPC/DPSOMI at 565-4021.

The signed request should be typed or clearly printed and should include the full name, SSN, return mailing address or return fax number and complete signature block with appropriate signature.

Graduation pictures

The Community College of the Air Force Graduation Ceremony pictures are ready to be picked up at the education office.

For more information, call 652-5964.

Webster University

Webster University registration for Spring I and II, 2007, continues at the education center and on-line. Deadline

for petition to graduate is Dec. 15.

For more information call Judy at 658-0707.

CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

Protestant

Sunday – Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Contemporary Service at 10 a.m.; Gospel Service at 11:30 a.m.; Religious Education Classes for all ages in the education center, "X-treme Youth Celebration" for junior and senior high students from 4:30-6 p.m. at the chapel center

Tuesday – Men's and women's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Wednesday – Women's Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; "X-treme Youth" Bible study for junior and senior high students from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 10 Main Circle

Thursday – Praise Team meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Saturday – Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Sunday – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2; Religious Education at 9:45 - 11 a.m. in Building 743, 563rd

Flying Training Squadron

Monday-Friday – Rosary at 11:10 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 7-9 p.m. in Chapel Center; Traditional Choir practice at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday – Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday – Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center

Thursday – Ecumenical Bible study at noon in the chapel center

Holiday Schedule

Protestant

Sunday – Lessons and Carols at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Dec. 24 – Worship service at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service family focus at 6 p.m. and traditional focus at 8 p.m.

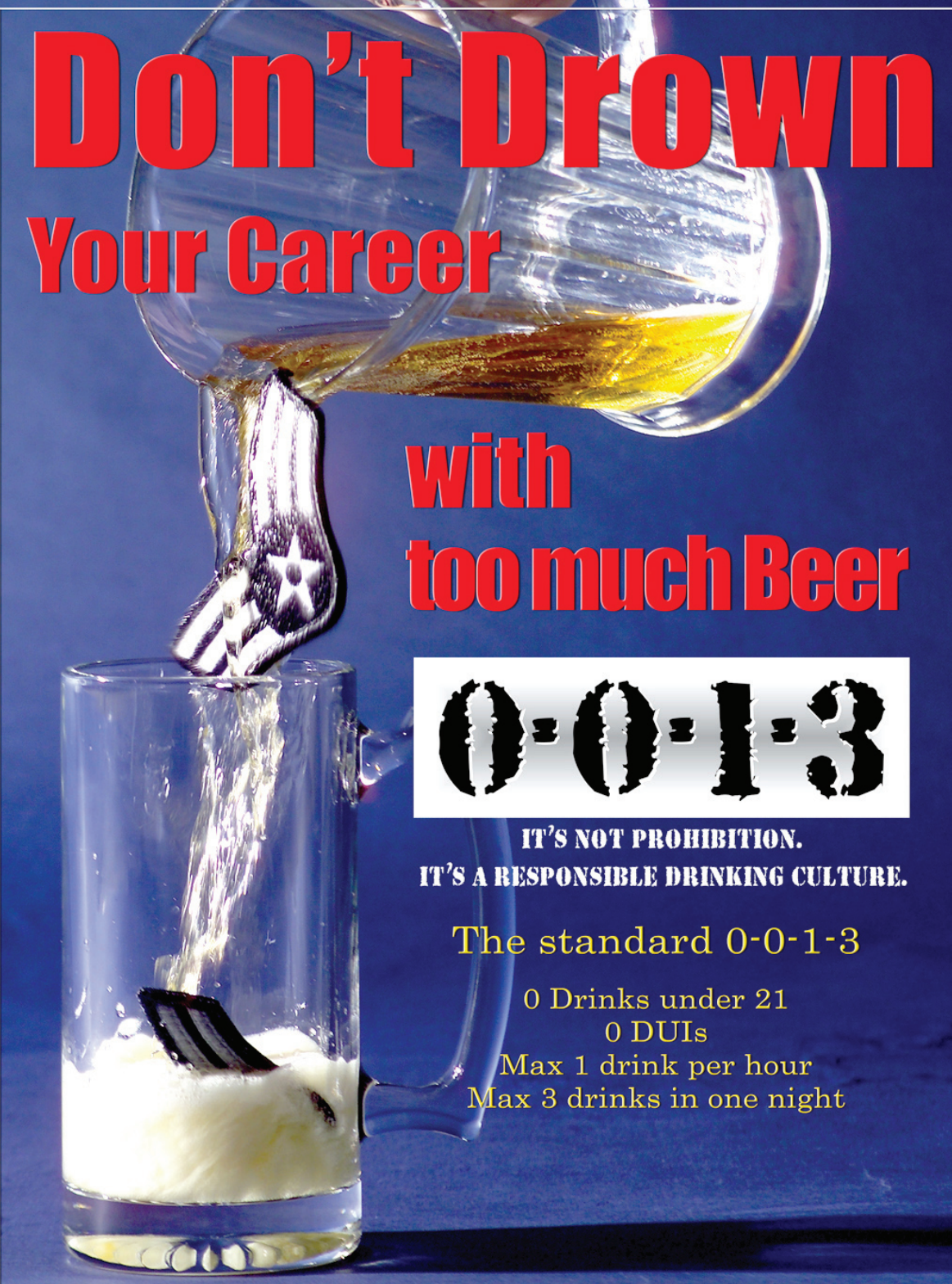
Dec. 31 – Combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Wednesday – Communal Penance Service at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2


Dec. 24 – Children's Christmas Program at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2; Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Midnight in Chapel 2

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. in Chapel 2



Don't Drown Your Career

with too much Beer



**IT'S NOT PROHIBITION.
IT'S A RESPONSIBLE DRINKING CULTURE.**

The standard 0-0-1-3

- 0 Drinks under 21
- 0 DUIs
- Max 1 drink per hour
- Max 3 drinks in one night

From barbed wire to Christmas lights...



Airman 1st Class Brandon Freeman, 12th Security Forces, looks through the sight of his M-240 in an overwatch position for an entry control point at Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. (Courtesy photo)

Security Forces *home for the holidays*

Eighteen members of the 12th Security Forces Squadron returned home safe to their families Sunday after a six month deployment to Saudi Arabia.



Tech. Sgt. Steve Sparks (left), 12th SFS, acts as a perpetrator during an exercise at Eskan Village. (Courtesy photo)



Capt. Donna Porter, 12th SFS, low crawls at the Defender Stakes challenge while deployed. (Courtesy photo)



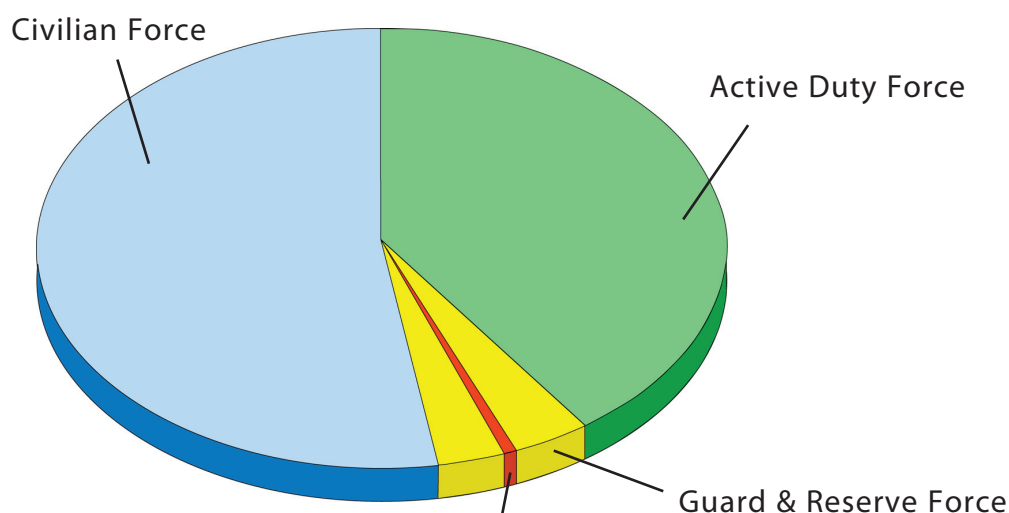
Staff Sgt. Ernest Minyard, 12th SFS, greets his daughter, Natalie, and wife, Maggie, upon returning from his deployment. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

TEAM RANDOLPH

Mission Partners

Randolph Air Force Base houses more than 30 mission partners, including Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and 19th Air Force to name a few. Each organization conducts a unique operation, essential to the Air Force mission. These units, along with the 12th Flying Training Wing, are what make Randolph Air Force Base the "Showplace of the Air Force." This column is one of many focusing on one of these very special mission partners.

Randolph Mission Members



Maj. Rusty Wallace, 340th Flying Training Group, goes through a pre-flight checklist at the cockpit of a T-38 on the Randolph flight line. (Photo by Steve White)

340th Flying Training Group

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 340th Flying Training Group, headquartered here, administers and executes the Reserve associate pilot program throughout the Air Education and Training Command.

The group is a unit of the 10th Air Force, headquartered at Carswell Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas, which in turn is part of the Air Force Reserve Command. The 10th AF is responsible for all fighter, space, rescue and undergraduate pilot training units in the Reserves.

To fulfill this mission, the 340th FTG has 443 instructor pilots positioned in its six subordinate squadrons where they fly seamlessly alongside active

"We've proved once again the value of the cooperation between active duty and Reserve forces. It's a program that works and works well."

Col. Robert Williamson
340th Flying Training Group commander



duty IPs in the T-1, T-6, T-37, T-38 and AT-38 aircraft. In FY 2006, they flew more than 50,500 sorties and conducted almost 36,700 ground training events.

"We fly about 20 percent of the AETC pilot training missions at the bases where these aircraft are assigned," said Col. Robert Williamson, 340th FTG commander. "We provide both full-time active Reservists and part-time traditional Reservists for these duties. They are all fully qualified IPs and bring a wealth of flying and instructor experience to support the training mission in both the instructor pilot and operational supervisory roles."

From the student's point of view, there is no difference in the instruction provided by the active duty and Reserve IPs, but to the Reservist, it is a great way to remain a part of the Air Force community, said Col. Dean Matcheck, 340th FTG vice-commander.

"From the Air Force-level budgetary point of view, there is a real cost savings by using the traditional Reservists," he said.

Colonel Matcheck speaks from experience. He lives in Georgia and, as a civilian, flies for Delta Airlines. He travels to Randolph for his traditional Reserve duty time.

"This makes real sense for the Air Force," Colonel Matcheck continued, "because it capitalizes on the 'sunk costs' of previously trained military pilots and recaptures their expertise that would be lost if they were not kept current."

The 340th FTG also provides a surge capability that can be tasked in emergency situations or to help reduce the high ops tempo for the active duty force,

Colonel Matcheck said.

Operationally, the group reports to the 19th Air Force, the AETC unit responsible for flight training.

"We have a complex administrative and operational chain of command," Colonel Williamson said. "Additionally, we provide personnel, finance and plans support to certain Air Combat Command units on four of their bases, all with a headquarters staff of only 69 people."

Colonel Williamson pointed out a new Web-based scheduling system, developed in-house at the 340th FTG. Through this system, a Reservist in one state can request duty at his or her flying base in another state, have the schedule approved, orders cut, and arrangements for travel and billeting made, all within a matter of a few minutes.

"This system greatly simplifies the work of coordinating our people's assignments, since they can live anywhere in the country and maintain their duty schedules with a minimum of our direct involvement in arranging the details," he said.

In January 2007, the 70th Flying Training Squadron at the Air Force Academy will be realigned as a 340th FTG unit, so Reserve instructors will become a part of the flight screening, gliding, and parachuting programs there.

"The best measure of the success of our program is in the outstanding reports we receive from our host unit leaders and the excellent critiques we receive from students," Colonel Williamson said. "We've proved once again the value of the cooperation between active duty and Reserve forces. It's a program that works and works well."



Col. Robert Williamson, 340th FTG commander, breaks through the first wall in the project to refurbish Building 863 from its old configuration as a barracks into a modern office complex for the Group's headquarters. (Photo by Don Lindsey)

Randolph makes big time at Cotton Bowl #8

Army Air Force locks horns with University of Texas as underdogs

As military manpower requirements of the war in 1943 drained college campuses and professional sports clubs of their best players, military base-level sports picked up top quality athletes. One result was that the Randolph Field intramural sports program became a performance powerhouse that received national attention. This series of short game reviews by 12th Flying Training Wing historian, Lane Bourgeois, tracks the Randolph Ramblers game by game through the 1943 season. This is the final report of the series.

January 1, 1944 - Randolph opponent favored, 2 to 1

With a 9-1 record, the Randolph Ramblers football team arrived at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Their only loss was at the hands of Southwestern Louisiana Institute Bulldogs in the final game of the season. Now on January 1, 1944, they faced the University of Texas Longhorns.

During their 1943 season, the Longhorns had set the all-time record for interceptions, spearing 32 pigskins and stampeding down the field for a total of 580 yards. They were number 14 in the nation overall. For this game, inter-service rivalry would play a factor since almost the entire Texas team was composed of Navy trainees. The University of Texas had been victorious in the Cotton Bowl before, and this strong, young, football team was pawing at the ground to get at the Ramblers. The Steers were a 2 to 1 favorite to win.

Randolph roster full of talent

All-American Glen Dobbs had led his U.S. Army Air Force team through the air brilliantly all year. His 106 passes for 1,431 yards made the Ramblers number 1 in the nation in passing offense. His outstanding kicking was no small contribution, and his 421 yards of rushing indeed proved the "Tulsa Tosser" was a triple threat. For Dobbs, this was his third appearance at a bowl game.

The Ramblers were not a "one-man" team. They possessed outstanding talent. Tex Aulds was the leading pass receiver in the nation. Martin Ruby, who now played for the Ramblers, was selected as most valuable player in the 1942 Cotton Bowl when he played for Texas A&M.

Were it not for a few key plays by Walter Parker and Leon Lienweber, the Ramblers win column would have shown more than one defeat. Until their last-game loss, the Ramblers were ranked in the top 20. They were considered underdogs, but the Ramblers were a seasoned, experienced, and serious bunch who meant to fly away with a Cotton Bowl win.

Before game day, there were expectations that fans would show up in record numbers. 10,000 tickets were donated by the North Texas Citizenry to provide free end-zone tickets for servicemen. But of the 32,000 ticket holders, only 15,000 souls braved the

cold and rain that also showed up for the game. The rain, coupled with the trampling of cleated feet, churned the field into sticky mud. For die-hard football fans, this was an event they didn't want to miss.

Ramblers first to score

The Ramblers were the first to strike. Dobbs kicked the ball, driving the Steers back against their fence late in the first quarter. In the next play, the Steers dropped the ball, and Walter Parker pounced on it at the Texas 26. Dobbs personally delivered a first down on the next play. He faked a pass before making a quick dash past the right tackle. The Steers managed to rope Dobbs down after he had raced only 10 yards. During the final seconds of the first quarter, Dobbs connected with Tex Aulds over the line of scrimmage. Tex's quick feint to the right dazzled the Steers, allowing Tex to trot into the end zone upright for the score. The extra point made it 7-0. Longhorns tie the game

The Longhorns broke out of the corral during the second quarter. Dobbs coughed up the football while trying to squeeze through the Steers' defensive line. Phil Bolin, a reserve guard from the Steers, recovered it on the Ramblers' 42. The next two plays, a pass and a run, were both stopped cold by the Ramblers.

An offside penalty by the Ramblers on the next play made it 3rd and short for the Steers. Ellsworth, the Steer's quarterback, threw a long pass over the head of defensive back Walter Parker and into the hands of George McCall at the 2-yard line. McCall hauled it in for the touchdown. The extra point was good, and the game was now tied at 7-7.

The Ramblers managed to rope in the Longhorns for the remainder of the half, keeping them deep in their own territory, courtesy of the outstanding kicking by Glen Dobbs. Towards the end of the half, the Ramblers got within striking distance at the 23, but an offside penalty nullified a first-down pass. They went into formation for a long field goal but the kick was wide. Three plays later, after the Longhorns had gained just a handful of yards, the half ended.

Fighting hard until the end

For the remainder of the game, the Longhorns had trouble getting out of the pen, finding it difficult to herd for a serious scoring drive. Early in the third quarter, Dobbs threw a long pass to Grover Keeton, who appeared to have clear skies for the score. But the play was nullified by another off-sides penalty against the Ramblers. This theme would be repeated near the end of the third quarter, as a quick strike to Keeton would have netted 24-yards and a spot on the Texas 10, were it not for an illegal motion penalty.

In the fourth quarter, defense ruled the day as both teams slugged it out. The game ended in a 7-7 tie, the first tie in the history of the Cotton Bowl. At the

conclusion of the game, covered with mud and the muck, the combatants shook hands. They had nothing to be ashamed of, as each man showed his mettle throughout the hard fought contest.

Glenn Dobbs later praised the Southwest Conference Champions, saying that they were a fine team and played a clean game. J. R. Calahan, Longhorn running back, said that the Ramblers hit hard but clean and were the best he'd ever played against. But among the accolades and respect each team showed to the other, perhaps Longhorn Bill Andrews put it best. He said, "If we couldn't win, I'm glad we tied."

The Ramblers donated their share of the gate receipts, \$24,000, to the Army Air Force Aid Society, the largest contribution ever given to the society by any base.

During the season, the Ramblers racked up 262 points to their opponents' 49. Dobbs, who was playing in this his third bowl game, accounted for 1,402 yards passing and 421 yards rushing during the season. His passes were instrumental of 20 of the team's 39 season touchdowns, as was his punting. He was known for accurate punts of forty yards or more.

Epilogue

Glenn Dobbs had been named an "All American" in 1942 when he played for Tulsa University in Oklahoma, so sports writers watched him carefully during his military years. He went on after the war to play professionally for the Saskatchewan Rough Riders in the short-lived All American Football League and was named MVP there in 1946. Later he became coach of the Tulsa University football team, sending them to bowl games twice during the 1960s. He was selected to the Football Hall of Fame and after his long career in sports was ranked with other football greats of the era.

The team also included Maj. Raymond Morse, who was an all-American end in 1934 when he played for the University of Oregon and gone on to play professionally for the Detroit Lions for five years before entering the Army. Lt. Leiland Killian had been on the team at North Texas Teachers College, played professionally for the Southwest All Stars, and been a coach before joining the Army.

Tex Aulds was a former professional baseball player and Rambler coach, Lt. Frank Tritico, was formerly a Louisiana high school coach. Walter West had been a member of the college all-star squad from Pittsburgh University the year he put on his military uniform. Martin Ruby had been a Texas A&M lineman, but took his oath of enlistment during halftime during the 1942 Cotton Bowl. Ruby was named as post-season MVP twice during his collegiate career.

Leon Leinweber, another one of the 1943 stars of the team passed away Dec 4, 2006, after a long illness in Arizona.



12 MDG defeated 562 FTS INST 14-0 Kevin Culp, 562 FTS INST, had two interceptions despite his team's loss.	AFPC defeated AFRS 14-0 Brent Jordan and Ruben Gonzalez, AFPC, scored the TDs for their team. AFPC defense recorded it's second straight shutout, allowing only six points scored against them thus far.	12 MSS defeated 12 CONS 26-13 Eric Doggett, Ever Rodriguez and Danny Fluker, 12 MSS, contributed to their team's win by scoring TDs.
--	--	--

SPORTS BRIEFS

<i>Fitness classes</i> The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, Pilates and yoga. For details, call 652-2955.	meet from 10 a.m. - noon conducted by PGA teaching professional Charles Bishop. The cost is \$30. For more information, call 244-3415.
<i>Fitness activities</i> The fitness center has open-court basketball, tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m and family fitness volleyball, Sunday from 1-4 p.m. in Hanger 71.	<i>Tee times</i> Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance. Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty members to qualify for a priority tee time. To sign up, e-mail tee.time@randolph.af.mil
<i>Golf tournament</i> The golf course hosts the Navy CFC Tournament today with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.	<i>Golf Pro Shop give-away</i> Customers who spend more than \$10 at the Pro Shop Dec. 19 will receive a ticket for a drawing to win a set of Hogan Irons.
<i>Junior golf class</i> A junior golf class takes place at the practice area of Randolph Oaks Golf Course Dec. 26-30. Classes	